



TASK 1

Read the text and complete the gaps with a word from the list given below. Each word can only be used ONCE. There are SEVEN words that you do not need to use. Number 0 has been completed as an example.

(Marking: 7 x 1 = 7 points)

TITANIC VIOLIN FETCHES £900,000 RECORD PRICE

The violin that was apparently played to calm passengers on the Titanic as it sank was sold for £900,000 in just 10 minutes at an 0 _____ in Wiltshire.

It was played by band leader Wallace Hartley, who died 1 _____ with 1,517 others as the ship went down. It had a guide price of £300,000.

The BBC's Duncan Kennedy said the buyer was believed to be British.

Alan Aldridge, in charge of the event, said the violin was the "rarest and most iconic" piece of Titanic 2 _____.

Many of the other items up for sale, such as photographs, newspapers and 3 _____, were sold for between £10 and a few hundred pounds.

Mr Aldridge set the 4 _____ at £50 for the violin, which was lot 230 of 251, but after just a couple of minutes it had passed £100,000.

It eventually sold for £900,000 after fierce competition between two potential telephone buyers.

Hartley has become part of the ship's legend after leading his 5 _____ musicians in playing as the vessel sank. They are famously said to have played the hymn "*Nearer My God To Thee*".

Some people still doubt whether the violin is the genuine article, however, and believe it could not have survived being submerged in the sea.

But it is claimed the violin survived in a leather case 6 _____ to Mr. Harley's body who was found wearing his cork and linen lifejacket.

A diary entry by his fiancée, Maria Robinson, said it was saved from the water and returned to her.

Following her death in 1939, the violin was given to her local Salvation Army citadel.

The auction house had attracted interest from collectors all over the world as more than 315,000 people 7 _____ it during a three-month exhibition in the United States.

The most money previously paid for pieces rescued from the Titanic is thought to have been a plan of the ship used in the 1912 research into the sinking, which was bought by a private collector for £220,000 in 2011.

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ACTUAL
ALONG
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BIDDING

BOUND
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CROCKERY
FELLOW

MEMORABILIA
ONGOING
SOUVENIRS
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TOKENS
VIEWED
WATCHED

INGLÉS - NIVEL C1

COMPRESIÓN DE LECTURA

KEY

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0	<i>Auction</i>
1	Along
2	Memorabilia
3	Crockery

4	Bidding
5	Fellow
6	Strapped
7	Viewed

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TASK 2

ARE YOU A TOURIST OR A TRAVELLER?

0	c
1	b
2	a
3	b

4	a
5	a
6	c
7	a

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TASK 3

THE PRICE OF BEING SINGLE

0	B
1	B
2	D
3	C

4	D
5	D
6	B

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